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Voting in local elections is crucial to democracy

If there's one thing Americans have learned in the past couple of years - or should have - it's that voting is one of a responsible citizen's highest priorities - or should be.

Let us hope that no American qualified to vote ever shrugs off the responsibility, or the opportunity, thinking a lone vote won't matter.

Every vote matters in every election, whether the contest is local, state or national.

If you have an interest in any particular issue, wouldn't you feel more "entitled" to express your view on it if you have, at the very least, voted for or against the person who will eventually oversee it?

We put quote marks around "entitled" because, as Americans we are of course entitled to express an opinion, regardless of the depth of our commitment. But having voted shows without a doubt that we care about our system and how it settles questions of public concern.

Don't we want important decisions to be made by people who assuredly understand our side of the issue, whether openly agreeing with us or not? We at least want to be sure of competence and clear thinking in settling the question.

Which means we must not only be willing to vote but to take the time to learn on which side of the issues each candidate stands.

And, let's give credit to people willing to run for public office, whether it's for a school board, a local government or something higher. They are taking on some obligations and responsibilities that most of us wouldn't consider.

Early voting is already under way and Election Day is next Tuesday, Nov. 2.

Voting is still a sacred privilege and responsibility. Now, it is also a deeply desired one.

(Editor's note: A version of this editorial ran in the Plattsburgh Press-Republican. We agree with its sentiments.)

On the ballot in our local communities are the following decisions for voters:

IN BELLEVILLE:

NONPARTISAN SECTION
CITY COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE
Vote for not more than 2

Steve Jones

IN INKSTER:

PROPOSAL SECTION
LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSALS
TAYLOR SCHOOL DISTRICT
COUNTY OF WAYNE
STATE OF MICHIGAN
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Taylor School District, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Thirty Million Dollars ($130,000,000) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds, in one or more series, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following projects:

- Erecting a new High School building and Career Center building which will include athletic fields and parking lots;
- Erecting additions to and remodeling of the current High School for conversion to a Middle School;
- Remodeling, equipping, re-equipping, furnishing, refurnishing school buildings, athletic and play fields and other facilities to create a modern learning environment for students, for safety and security and other purposes;
- Acquiring and installing instructional technology infrastructure and equipment in school buildings and other facilities; and
- Preparing, developing and improving sites at school buildings, athletic and play fields and other facilities?

The maximum number of years any series of bonds may be outstanding, exclusive of refunding, is not more than thirty (30) years; the estimated millage that will be levied to pay the proposed bonds in the first year is 3.64 mills (which is equal to $3.64 per $1,000 of taxable value); and the estimated simple average annual millage that will be required to retire each series of bonds is 3.64 mills annually ($3.64 per $1,000 of taxable value).

If approved by the voters, the bonds will be guaranteed by the State under the School Bond Qualification and Loan Program (the "Program"). The School District currently has $0 of qualified bonds outstanding and $0 of qualified loans outstanding under the Program. The School District does not expect to borrow from the Program to pay debt service on these bonds. The estimated computed millage rate required to be levied to pay the proposed bonds may change in the future based on changes in certain circumstances.

(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for teacher, administrator or employee salaries, repair or maintenance costs or other operating expenses.)

IN THE CITY OF NORTHVILLE:

MAYOR
Vote for not more than 1

Brian Turnbull

COUNCIL MEMBER AT LARGE
Vote for not more than 2

John Carter
Patrick L. Giesa
Andrew Krenz

IN THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH:

CITY COMMISSION
Vote for not more than 4

Linda A. Filipczak
Jennifer Kehoe
Alanna Maguire
Nick Moroz

IN ROMULUS:

MAYOR
Vote for not more than 1

Alan R. Lambert
Robert McCraight

CLERK
Vote for not more than 1

Ellen Craig-Bragg

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Belleville - Canton

Credit card skimmers found at local gas stations

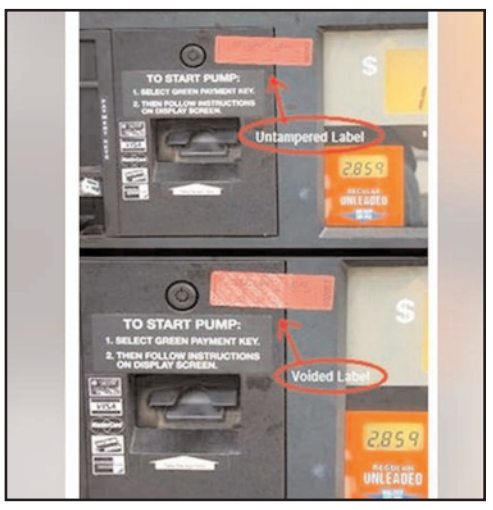
State officials recently found credit card skimmers in pumps at eight gas stations across Michigan, including one in Belleville and another in Canton Township.

Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) weights and measures inspectors discovered the skimmers, which are inside pumps, during a routine inspection blitz, according to a prepared release from state officials.

The skimmers make copies of customers' credit card information which can then be sold or used to make fraudulent purchases.

Skimmers were found at: FlexxMart, 496 Main St. Belleville and at the Sunoco gas station at 40200 Michigan Ave. in Canton Township.

"These criminals continue to try and use gas pumps to commit theft and steal your personal information for fraudulent



use," MDARD Director Gary McDowell said. "These inspections are just another way MDARD is protecting Michigan consumers at the pump. Kudos to our weights and measures staff for their vigilance in protecting consumers pocketbooks and personal identification."

"The station owners had security measures in place to protect their patrons such as security tape," said Craig VanBuren, MDARD lab division director. "Unfortunately, the thieves cut, broke, or removed the tape. It is important that both the stations and customers remain vigilant at the pump when using a bank or credit card."

While the skimmers can't be seen from outside the pump, if a pump looks like it has been tampered with, notify the store clerk and do not use your card to pay. Additionally, try to use pumps closer to the store because skimmers are often placed in pumps farther away from the store, state officials advised.

Customers are advised to monitor bank and credit card statements for unauthorized purchases. Erroneous or compromised information should be reported to the issuing bank, officials said.

Hours are changed at police department records bureau

The Records Bureau of the Canton Public Safety Department has officially changed hours for services to the public.

Following a year-long pilot program, hours of operation will be four, 10-hour days each week. Hours will now be 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday. The bureau will be closed on Fridays.

Officials said the schedule will allow for extended-day access as a convenience to the public. The records bureau is available for processing requests for copies of police reports, Freedom of Information Act requests, applicant fingerprinting, and notarizing of handgun purchase permits. Those seeking fingerprinting and purchase permits must arrive 30 minutes prior to closing time. Individuals claiming property will need to schedule an appointment with the property clerk (734) 394-5432, from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

For additional information, contact the records bureau at (734) 394-5410.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
INVITATION TO BID

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Charter Township of Canton, 1150 Canton Center S, Canton, Michigan will accept sealed bids at the Office of the Clerk up to 3:00 p.m. Thursday, November 18, 2021 for the following:

FIRE STATION 1 INTERIOR LIGHTING UPGRADES

Bids may be picked up at the Finance and Budget Department, on the MITN Purchasing Group website at https://www.bidnetdirect.com/mitn/cantontownship or you may contact Mike Sheppard at: 734/394-5225. All bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked with the proposal name, company name, address and telephone number and date and time of bid opening. The Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The Township does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

MICHAEL SIEGRIST, CLERK

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

The Charter Township of Canton will provide necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services to individuals with disabilities at the meeting/hearing upon notice to the Charter Township of Canton.

In accordance with the requirements of Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 ("ADA"), the Charter Township of Canton will not discriminate against qualified individuals with disabilities on the basis of disability in its services, programs, or activities.

Employment: The Charter Township of Canton does not discriminate on the basis of disability in its hiring or employment practices and complies with all regulations promulgated by the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission under Title II of the ADA.

Effective Communication: The Charter Township of Canton will generally, upon request, provide appropriate aids and services leading to effective communication for qualified persons with disabilities so they can participate equally in the Charter Township of Canton's programs, services, and activities, including qualified sign language interpreters, documents in Braille, and other ways of making information and communications accessible to people who have speech, hearing, or vision impairments.

Modifications to Policies and Procedures: The Charter Township of Canton will make all reasonable modifications to policies and programs to ensure that people with disabilities have an equal opportunity to enjoy all of its programs, services, and activities. For example, individuals with service animals are welcomed in the Charter Township of Canton's offices, even where pets are generally prohibited.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton should contact the office of Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

The ADA does not require the Charter Township of Canton to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden.

Complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Charter Township of Canton is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Barb Brouillette, Human Resources Supervisor, Charter Township of Canton, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188, (734) 394-5260.

The Charter Township of Canton will not place a surcharge on a particular individual with a disability or any group of individuals with disabilities to cover the cost of providing auxiliary aids/services or reasonable modifications of policy, such as retrieving items from locations that are open to the public but are not accessible to persons who use wheelchairs.

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AGENDA
November 18, 2021

Notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals **THURSDAY**, **November 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM**. The meeting will be held in the Board Room at the Township Administration Building located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, MI 48188.

7:00 P.M.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Jim Cisek, Vicki Welty, Craig Engel, Greg Greco, John Badeen.
Alternate: Gregory Demopoulos

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes:
October 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes

General Calendar:

1. Applicants Amina Iqbal and Mansoor Nasir, for property address 807 Bristol Ct. located on the south side of Saltz Rd between Beck Rd. and Canton Center Rd., Zoning R-3, Single-Family Residential. Appealing Zoning Ordinance Section 26.02, footnote (m) Schedule of Regulations, to reduce the combined side yard setback distance below the minimum of 30 feet for lots with side facing garages. Parcel ID 064-02-0060-000 (Building)

2. Applicant Partnership for the Arts and Humanities, for property address 50755 Cherry Hill Road, located on the south side Cherry Hill Road between Ridge Rd. and Napier Rd., Zoning Cherry Hill Village Overlay District, with an underlying zoning district of R-1, Single-Family Residential. Appealing Section 6.09 of the Zoning Ordinance, including the Cherry Hill Village Overlay District Design Guidelines, to allow a ground sign and regulate it as a ground sign in the underlying zoning district (R-1). Also appealing Section 6A.12 of the Zoning Ordinance to allow a 36 sq. ft. ground sign, which is 12 sq. ft. greater than the maximum sign area permitted by Section 6A.12 of the Zoning Ordinance. Parcel ID 074-99-0006-705 (Planning)

Written comments need to be submitted prior to 4:00 PM on the date of the hearing. All written comments must be sent to the Charter Township of Canton. Clerk's Office, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI 48188, Phone 734-394-5120.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON - ACCESS TO PUBLIC MEETINGS

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals with disabilities who require special accommodations, auxiliary aids or services to attend participate at the meeting/hearing should contact Human Resources Manager, at 734-394-5260. Reasonable accommodations can be made with advance notice.
A complete copy of the Access to Public Meetings Policy is available at www.canton-mi.org

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STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF WAYNE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON

CHAPTER 46

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 46 OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON CODE OF ORDINANCES TO REVISE SECTIONS 46-243, 46-501, 46-503 AND 46-534 TO BRING IT INTO COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAW REGARDING THE AGE OF JUVENILE, ACT 108 OF 2019.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CANTON ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. AMENDMENT TO CODE:

Chapter 46, Article IV, Division 2 of the Charter Township of Canton Code of Ordinances, Sec- 46-243, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-243. - Possession, pointing or discharge generally.

(a) *Pointing or discharging without malice.* It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally, without malice, point or aim any firearm at or toward any other person, or to discharge any firearm while so aimed.

(b) *Discharge upon or across certain places prohibited.* It shall be unlawful to discharge a firearm within the township, except at an approved range. It shall be unlawful to:

(1) Discharge a firearm within 150 yards of an occupied building, dwelling, house, residence, or cabin, or any barn or other building used in connection with a farm operation, without obtaining written permission of the owner, renter, or occupant of the property.

(2) Discharge any firearm upon any platted land or within 150 yards of any public or private school property.

(3) Discharge any firearm upon or across any public road or highway within the township.

(c) *Discharge by person under 18 years of age.* It shall be unlawful for any person under the age of 18 years to discharge a firearm unless under the direct supervision and control of and accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or adult authorized by the parent or legal guardian to have direct supervision of the person under the age of 18. It shall be the responsibility of every parent, legal guardian or other person having the physical custody or charge of any minor under the age of 18 years to control the minor and prevent him from violating or attempting to violate any provision of this subdivision.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT TO CODE:

Chapter 46, Article VIII, Division 1 of the Charter Township of Canton Code of Ordinances, Sec- 46-501, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-501. - CONTRIBUTING TO NEGLECT OR DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR

Any person who shall by an act, or by any work, encourage, contribute toward, cause or tend to cause any minor child under the age of 18 years to become neglected or delinquent so as to come or tend to come under the jurisdiction of the juvenile division of the probate court, as defined in section 2 of chapter 12a of Public Act No. 288 of 1939 (MCL 712A.2), whether or not such child shall in fact be adjudicated a ward of the probate court, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO CODE

Chapter 46, Article VIII, Division 1 of the Charter Township of Canton Code of Ordinances, Sec 46.503, is hereby entirely omitted.

Sec. 46-503. - Curfew

(a) It is unlawful for any minor under 18 years of age to be in any public place between 12:00 midnight and 6:00 a.m. It is unlawful for any minor under 13 years of age to be in any public place between 10:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m.

(b) It is a defense to prosecution under subsection (a) of this section that the minor was:

(1) Accompanied by the minor's parent or guardian or an adult designated by the minor's parent or guardian;

(2) On an errand at the direction of the minor's parent or guardian or an adult designated by the minor's parent or guardian, without any detour or stop;

(3) In a motor vehicle involved in interstate travel;

(4) Engaged in an employment activity, or going to or returning home from an employment activity, without any detour or stop;

(5) Involved in an emergency. In this subsection, the term "emergency" means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action. The term includes, but is not limited to, a fire, a natural disaster, or an automobile accident, or any situation requiring immediate action to prevent serious bodily injury or loss of life;

(6) Attending an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the township, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor, or going to or returning home from, without any detour or stop, an official school, religious, or other recreational activity supervised by adults and sponsored by the township, a civic organization, or another similar entity that takes responsibility for the minor;

(7) Exercising First Amendment rights protected by the United States Constitution, such as the free exercise of religion, freedom of speech, and the right of assembly; or

(8) Married or had been married or had disabilities of minority removed in accordance with law.

(c) It is unlawful for the parent, guardian or other person having custody or control of any child to allow such child to violate the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

(d) It is unlawful for the owner, operator, or any employee of an establishment to knowingly allow a minor to remain upon the premises in violation of subsection (a) of this section. It is a defense to prosecution under this subsection that the owner, operator, or employee of an establishment promptly notified the public safety department that a minor was present on the premises of the establishment during curfew hours and refused to leave.

SECTION 4. AMENDMENT TO CODE:

Chapter 46, Article VIII, Division 2 of the Charter Township of Canton Code of Ordinances, Sec- 46-534, is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 46-534. - PRESENCE IN PLACES WHERE SOLD

It shall be unlawful for any minor child under 18 years of age to be permitted to remain in any dancehall, saloon, or bar room or any place where any alcoholic liquor is sold, given away or furnished for a beverage, unless the minor is accompanied by a parent or guardian. It shall be unlawful for any proprietor, keeper or manager of any such place to permit a minor child to remain in any such place, and it shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly encourage or induce in any way a minor child to enter such place or to remain therein. A person found to be in violation of this section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 5. AMENDMENT TO CODE.

Any other Article, Division or Section of Chapter 46 that references a minor being 17 or under is hereby amended to reflect that a minor is a person 18 years of age or under for criminal adjudication purposes.

SECTION 6. SEVERABILITY

If any clause, sentence, section, paragraph or part of this Ordinance, of thereof to any person, firm, corporation, legal entity or circumstances, shall be for any reason adjudged by a court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional or invalid, said judgment shall not affect, impair or invalid the remainder of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared to the legislative intent of this body that the Ordinance is severable, and that the Ordinance would have been adopted had such invalid or unconstitutional provisions not have been included in this Ordinance.

SECTION 7. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

All Ordinance or parts of Ordinance in conflict herewith is hereby repealed only by to the extent necessary to give this Ordinance full force and effect.

SECTION 8. SAVING CLAUSE

All rights and duties which have been matured penalties which have been incurred, proceedings which have begun and prosecution for violations of law occurring before the effective date of this Ordinance are not affected or abated by this Ordinance.

SECTION 9. PUBLICATION

The Clerk for the Charter Township of Canton shall cause this Ordinance to be published in the manner required by law.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance, as amended, shall take effect upon publication.

CERTIFICATION

The foregoing Ordinance was duly adopted by the Township Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Canton at its regular meeting called and held on the 12th day of October, 2021, and was ordered to be given publication in the manner required by law.

Clerk

Michael Siegrist

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SUMPTER - ROMULUS

At long last

Reopening of intersection is celebrated

Helping celebrate the long-sought reconstruction of the Northline and Hannan Road intersection are, from left, Romulus Director of Public Works Roberto Scappaticci, Romulus Councilwoman Tina Talley, Romulus Director of Public Services and Economic Development Robert McCraight, Romulus Mayor LeRoy Burcroff and Van Buren Township Supervisor Kevin McNamara.

Following seven years of negotiation, and six months of construction, the intersection at Northline and Hannan roads in Romulus was officially opened during a ribbon-cutting ceremony last week.

Construction for the project launched April 15 after nearly seven years of effort by Mayor LeRoy Burcroff who made the intersection a priority when he took office in 2014. After hearing residents cite the high accident rate at the location while he served on the city council prior to becoming mayor, Burcroff made the issue a priority. He organized multiple and frequent meetings with Wayne County officials to call attention to the hazardous road conditions at the intersection which had been an area of concern for Romulus residents for decades.

"We're pleased to announce yet another critical infrastructure improvement in the City of Romulus, one that we are confident will help reduce accidents at a historically dangerous and well-trafficked intersection," Burcroff said. "Residents voiced their concerns, and in partnership with Wayne County, we were able to create a comprehensive plan to resolve a long-standing issue in our community."

Over the course of the last seven years, Burcroff and Wayne County officials have had frequent conversations about the need to repair the interchange, and county officials even participated in a city-wide ride along with the mayor, exploring areas in need of improvement that are shared by both jurisdictions. Recognizing the need to make safety repairs, Wayne County and Romulus officials developed a plan to turn the boulevard intersection into a necked-down standard intersection with a traffic light.

Romulus has also completed several road and sidewalk projects in recent years, Burcroff noted, and most recently unveiled the Huron River Drive Pathway, a 10-foot-wide shared pathway running from the I-275 Metro Trail into downtown Romulus. The pathway was constructed in partnership with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) and supported through a $297,600 federal grant. Recognizing the need for a safer path for bikers and pedestrians, the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) also provided $100,000 toward the project.

"It's important that our residents have access to a safe route to downtown businesses and residential districts," said Director of the Romulus Department of Public Works Roberto Scappaticci. "It's also important that our residents feel heard. If they come to the city with an infrastructural need, we do our best to address the issue at hand."

To learn more about the City of Romulus, visit romulusgov.com/.

Sumpter trustees discuss return to in-person meetings

Sumpter Township Board of Trustee meetings will remain electronic, at least until Wayne County health officials are confident there is no threat to the public or officials.

Trustee Don LaPorte called the issue to the attention of his fellow board members during the regular meeting Oct. 12 explaining that he had received several calls from residents asking when the board meetings would again be in-person.

"I told them I would bring it up," LaPorte said. "I know we have had a COVID issue this week but when can we go back in person?"

"When it is safe to go back," responded Township Supervisor Tim Bowman. "We had police officers exposed just last week."

LaPorte said that he explained to the individuals asking that the township continued to have health issues with COVID exposures. He assured the board that he did not reveal any of the names of those who were currently infected or who had been exposed so as "not to violate their privacy." He said residents were telling him "enough of the Zoom stuff."

"I'm very eager to get back to in-person meetings," he said.

Trustee Peggy Morgan said that she also felt the board should go back to in-person meetings. "Schools, everything is open. We can wear masks," she said.

While Trustee Tim Rush said he, too, had received phone calls asking about in-person meetings and was eager for the change, he added that he felt it was wise for the board members to err on the side of caution.

"Suppose we have an in-person meeting with a topic that people are really interested in and 100 people show up. If only one of them is infected, what do we do then? He added that the number of electronic platforms available to the public to view the Zoom meetings should provide access to anyone interested.

Trustee Matt Oddy suggested that the board members take their cue from Wayne County which, he said, had reported 3,500 confirmed cases of COVID that week. "They won't let you in the county buildings," he said. He added that even state rest areas are posted requiring all visitors to wear masks due to the health risks.

"I think we should revisit this decision based on the number of reported cases. We went back to in-person meetings and then had to reverse that," Oddy said. "We've had to shut township hall down four or five times as employees got COVID."

Township Clerk Esther Hurst said she understood that the board had approved zoom meetings until the end of the year and that she would review the last decision of the board regarding the matter.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE TO THE RESIDENTS
HALLOWEEN TRICK OR TREAT HOURS

The Charter Township of Northville is hereby giving notice that Halloween "Trick or Treat Hours" will be held on

Sunday, OCTOBER 31, 2021

BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 6:00 P.M. & 8:00 P.M.

Roger Lundberg, Clerk

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS – PUBLIC HEARING
November 17, 2021 – 7:00 PM

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for August 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Northville Township Municipal Office Building, located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville MI. The ZBA will consider a use variance request to Chapter 170, Zoning Ordinance, Article 41.4 (D), Use Variance, to allow the residential zoned property at 18831 Beck Road to be used as professional office.

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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CITY OF ROMULUS INVITATION TO BID
ITB 21/22-08 Water System - Small Parts

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified companies for fixed pricing for small water parts for the City's Water Department through 6/30/2023.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit a bid must use the forms provided by the City. Official bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct (http://www.mitn.info/). Bids may be rejected unless made on the forms included with the bidding documents. Copies of documents obtained from any other source are not considered official copies.

(2) Clarifications, modifications, or amendments may be made to this solicitation at the discretion of the City. Any and all addenda issued by the City will be posted on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct. All interested parties are instructed to view the MITN website regularly for any issued addenda. It is the responsibility of the bidder to obtain all issued addenda and acknowledge receipt of said addenda by including a printed copy of each addendum as part of the required documents for this solicitation and to list the addendum and sign and date the "Acknowledgment of Receipt Addenda Form: supplied in the bid documents.

(3) A total of three copies (one marked "Original" and two marked "Copy") of the bid must be submitted together in one sealed package/envelope and returned to the **City Clerk's Office** no later than 2:30 P.M., **Tuesday, 11/16/2021**. Bids should be addressed using the bid package label provided in the solicitation documents or submitted electronically on the MITN Purchasing Group page of BidNet Direct.

(4) At approximately 3:00 p.m., local time **11/16/2021**, all timely received bids will be publically opened and read.

(5) The successful Bidder will be required to submit proof of all bonds and insurance required by the solicitation documents and copies of all required endorsements.

(6) The City reserves the right to postpone the opening without notification and also reserves the right to reject all bids and to waive any minor informality or irregularity in bids received and to award the bid in whole or in part. Ultimately, a contract may be awarded to the lowest most responsive and responsible company, as determined in the sole discretion of the City of Romulus or otherwise in a manner deemed by the City to be in its own best interest.

(7) For additional information contact Gary Harris, City of Romulus, Purchasing Director by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Purchasing@romulusgov.com.

(8) The City of Romulus strictly prohibits the reproduction or publishing of any published document or solicitation without the express written consent of the City of Romulus. Unauthorized posting of any notice of these documents or reference to said documents or solicitations is strictly prohibited.

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Inkster - Westland

Police retirement and promotions celebrated

Members of the Westland Police Department had a great deal to celebrate recently as they marked the retirement of a veteran deputy chief and the promotion of several officers.

Deputy Police Chief Brian Miller recently began his retirement from the city where he served on the police force for 25 years. Miller, who joined the Westland department in 1997, began his career in law enforcement in 1996 with the Wayne County Sheriff's Department. During his years with the Westland police he served as a field training officer, motorcycle operator, and handgun instructor. During his time as a sergeant with the department he oversaw the field training program and also served with the special victim crimes unit and as a forensic computer examiner. While working in the Westland detective bureau, Miller was assigned to the Michigan Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. He was promoted to deputy chief of the department in 2013.

Members of the Westland Police Department are all smiles as they help Deputy Chief Brian Miller celebrate his retirement and ce;ebrate the promotions and the hiring of new officers at an official ceremony last week.

Miller's replacement in the department will be newly-promoted Deputy Chief Richard Kummert. Kummert joined the Westland police in 1997 and has served as a detective, SWAT team commander, firearms instructor, sniper instructor and LSA president.

Kummert is a graduate of the Wayne County Regional Police Academy and earned an associate's degree in criminal justice. He is preparing to graduate from the Eastern Michigan University School of Police Staff and Command.

Also promoted to a new rank in the department was Brian Humphrey who was named as the newest lieutenant. Humphrey is a graduate of the Macomb County Police Academy and has an associate's degree in business management and a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

While a patrolman, he served as a field training officer and was promoted to the rank of sergeant in 2013. He has been a detective and the second in command in the detective bureau since 2014.

Robert Schurig was promoted to the rank of sergeant. A Westland resident, Schurig was hired as a Westland police officer 2014. He is a graduate of Schoolcraft College where he earned an associate's degree in criminal justice.

Schurig was a Westland Police Explorer for 3 years before being hired as a Police Service Aide with the department. He served in that position for 3 years before joining the Auburn Hills Police Department. During his career with Westland, he has worked in the traffic bureau as an operating while impaired (OWI) specialist.

Schurig received the Mothers Against Drunk Driving Outstanding Officer award in both 2017 and 2018. This award is presented annually to the top OWI arresting officer in the State of Michigan.

In addition to the promotions, the department welcomed two new officers to the force.

Emily Key has joined the department as a patrol officer. She grew up in Howell and graduated from Kensington Woods High School. Key attended Lansing Community College with a focus on psychology and social work as well as Henry Ford Community College for Criminal Justice. She also attended the Washtenaw County Police Academy where she graduated in September 2021.

Key began as a Westland Police Service Aide in 2019 and was promoted to a trainer position. She is currently completing her department field training.

Reed Zielinski was also hired by the department. A lifelong resident of Westland, he graduated from John Glenn High school in 2016. He attended Madonna University for criminal justice and played college baseball.

Zielinski earned his associates degree in criminal justice from Schoolcraft College. He joined the Detroit Police Department after graduating from the academy in October of 2020.

In addition, two of the city police service aides are preparing to enter the Wayne County Regional Police Academy. Mohammed Alzayadi and Jackson Allison will join the Westland department upon completion of their academy studies.

Police seek information in fatal pedestrian hit-and-run

Inkster police continue to investigate the death of a pedestrian stuck in the early morning hours of Sept. 7.

Police are asking anyone with information about the incident which took place just after 2 a.m. Sept. 7 on Michigan Avenue. According to police reports, Jacob Fountain was crossing East Michigan Avenue when a driver turning onto the road from northbound Middlebelt Road struck and killed him. The vehicle was described as a dark-colored Ford Flex was reported by witnesses as crossing into Dearborn Heights immediately following the incident.

There is currently a $2,500 reward being offered for information regarding the incident.

Any information should be submitted to the Inkster police at (313) 520-8400 or Crime Stoppers at 1-8-SPEAK UP or 1 800 speakup.org.

City officially reopens renovated solar-powered recycling center

Westland residents had something to celebrate last week with the official ribbon cutting at the renovated recycling center in the city.

The facility features a solar-powered compactor for single stream recycling and is a one-stop option for residents in condominiums and apartments who may not have access to the city curbside recycling program. Upgrades, funded by a $50,000 grant from the Environmental Great Lakes and Energy (EGLE) included new pavement, new lighting, new signs, trees and landscaping.

The recycling center offers an option for residents to safety dispose of items not currently accepted in the curbside recycling program, including glass, batteries, scrap metals and automotive fluids.

The Westland Recycling Center is located at 37137 Marquette Road in the city.

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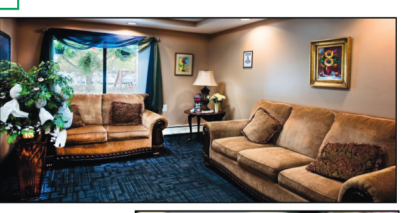

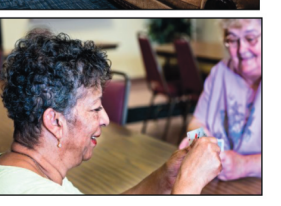

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On Friday, November 3rd , 2021 at 11: 300 am, Great Lakes Towing Impound and Recovery Division located at 42350 Van Born Rd, Belleville, Mi, County of Wayne, will conduct a public auction of Impounded and Abandoned vehicles. The following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder.
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2010 Volkswagen
WVWML7AN0AE522515
2013 Chrysler
1C3CCBCG6DN574768
2015 Kia
KNAFX4A68F5390628
2018 Kia
3KPFL4A71JE249694
The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Dearborn Police Department. *All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Dearborn Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.*
2001 Honda
1HGES16571L057919
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2CNBJ13C8Y6910477
2016 Chrysler
1C3CCCAB7GN141526
2007 Chevrolet
1G1AK55FX77383481
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2010 Toyota
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2004 Toyota
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2007 Ford
1FAFP38Z97W107328
2011 Toyota
4T4BF3EK3BR123405
2007 Saturn
1G8ZS57N97F220089
The above vehicles are impounded through the Canton Police Department. *All paperwork must be picked up from the Canton Township Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.There will be a $100.00 buyer fee assessed to each vehicle purchased payable to the Canton Township Police Department upon redemption of title paperwork.*
2009 Ford
1FCLE49L09DA13081
2006 Volkswagen
WVWGK73C26P183635
2006 Ford
3FRML55Z36V377342
2001 Ford
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The above vehicles are impounded through the City of Livonia Police Department. *All paperwork must be picked up from the City of Livonia Police Department within 48 hours of the sale.*
All Vehicles are sold in "as is condition". Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction. This is a cash only sale and all vehicles must be paid in full at the conclusion of the auction.

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NORTHVILLE

Hot topic

Area firefighters unite in training exercises

Shipping containers became hazardous basement fires and Barbie's dollhouses helped demonstrate several new safety techniques during a multi-state fire training exercise at Schoolcraft College in Livonia last week.

The training exercise, organized by Northville Township Fire Department Training Coordinator Jesse Marcotte was funded by a federal grant program that allows firefighters to practice scenarios they could encounter in the field.

"Mistakes provide a good learning opportunity but we want those mistakes to be made on the training ground, not in real life," Marcotte, a nationally-known fire training expert, said. He explained that since January there have 86 fires which took lives in Michigan and of those, Marcotte said, only 45 percent had working smoke detectors in the homes.

He stressed that while firefighters were continually training for various scenarios and dangers, the public could be a key element in home fire safety by simply making sure that smoke detectors are working. While basements are some of, if not the most dangerous blazes firefighters battle, homeowners could lessen that threat to their own lives and those of firefighters, by ensuring there is an escape from the basement should a fire occur. In a basement fire, floors can collapse unexpectedly, and materials burn hotter explained Northville Township Fire Marshal Tom Hughes.

In Northville Township 97 percent of the homes have basements, averaging about 1,700 square feet, Hughes noted, stressing the importance of assessing a basement fire as safely and quickly as possible.

Marcotte said that in the case of any fire, speed is essential in escape.

"People should have a plan to get out of the home or building," he said. "That is a key factor in surviving." He said that while the escape time from a burning home or building used to be estimated at 17 minutes, with the current design and home construction materials, the time has been reduced to only 3 minutes for an average individual.

"Home furnishings are made mostly out of synthetic materials now - not organic materials like wood and wool like they were back in the day - so fires get a lot hotter, a lot faster now, which makes this kind of training so important," Hughes explained. He added that the new open concept in home design is more dangerous, too, as there are fewer walls or doors to slow the flames.

The doll houses helped demonstrate the impact of air flow through walls and doors in separate home designs and constructions, providing firefighters with a better understanding of how to control a blaze.

Firefighters from 24 departments in Michigan and Indiana attended the training exercises last week, some of whom with more than 20 years' experience in fire departments. Marcotte, who participates in training sessions throughout the country, said he was overwhelmed by the level of passion longtime firefighters possess for wanting to learn new tactics.

He noted that even the most experienced firefighters in attendance "remain open-minded about learning new tactics and embracing new ways of doing things."

School district hires new communications specialist

Katie Rork has been named as the new district communications specialist for the Northville Public Schools.

Rork's hiring was unanimously approved by the members of the Northville Board of Education during the Oct. 12 meeting. Rork succeeds Sarah Jacobs who left the district in 2019.

Rork has several years of experience in multimedia and digital content creation including 10 years of television broadcasting. Those who frequently travel to Northern Michigan may remember Rork (formerly Boomgaard) as a news reporter and anchor for 9 & 10 news, "Northern Michigan's News Leader," district officials noted.

"Katie brings extensive experience in media and broadcasting, along with a fresh perspective to our NPS team," said Northville Superintendent of Schools Mary Kay Gallagher. "Our school community has so many wonderful things happening with and on behalf of the students, families, and staff of Northville Public Schools. We are thrilled to welcome Katie Rork to our team and look forward to seeing our world of possibilities come to life through our communications."

"I am excited to share Northville Public Schools' mission, goals, and achievements in a new and engaging way by incorporating my love for digital media," said Rork. "I can't wait to learn about the many instructional programs and extracurricular activities this prestigious district has to offer. I am honored to join Northville Public Schools."

Rork earned her undergraduate degree at Madonna University where she studied broadcast and cinema arts and pitched for the women's softball team. She lives in South Lyon with her husband of 8 years, Jeff, and two children Charlotte, 6 and Silas, 3.

NOTICE - NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

DIGITAL VOICE LOGGER SYSTEM UPGRADE

Northville Township will receive sealed proposals for a Digital Voice Logging System upgrade with additional Integrated QA according to the specifications of Northville Township. A copy of the requirements and specifications may be obtained from the Northville Townships Clerk's Department or on the Northville Township website: www.twp.northville.mi.us\Projects.

Sealed proposals will be received until **2:00 P.M.** prevailing Eastern Time, Monday, **November 8th, 2021**, at which time proposals will be opened and read. Proposals shall be addressed as follows:

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CLERK'S OFFICE
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Last Date for Questions will be Friday, November 5, 2021 at 4:00 P.M.

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AND MUST BEAR THE NAME OF THE PROPOSER.

The Township reserves the right to accept any or all alternative proposals and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all proposals; and in general to make the award of the contract in any manner deemed by the Township, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Northville Township.

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SYNOPSIS
REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, October 21, 2021
TIME: 7:00 p.m.
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Supervisor; Roger Lundberg, Clerk; Jason Rhines, Treasurer; Scott Frush, Trustee; Mindy Herrmann, Trustee; Cynthia Jankowski, Trustee; Christopher Roosen, Trustee

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. **Agendas:**
   - A. **Regular Agenda and the Consent Agenda items - Approved**
2. **Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:**
   - A. **Vivian Zhong - Miss Michigan Resolution - Presented and Approved**
   - B. **Landfill Working Committee Report - Presented**
3. **Public Hearing:**
   - A. **2022 Budget Public Hearing** - Opened and Conducted
4. **Brief Public Comments:** Four members of the audience had questions or comments for the Board of Trustees.
5. **New Business:**
   - A. **Finance - 2021 Millage Rates** - Approved
   - B. **Finance - 2022 Budget** - Approved with Amendments
   - C. **Cantoro PUD Amendment #1** -Planning Commission Reconsideration
   - ~~D. **Public Services – Mill Ridge PUD Amendment #5**~~ - Removed
   - E. **Fleis & Vandenbrink Proposal - Approved**
   - F. **Fire Department Parking Lot Replacement** - Approved
   - G. **Temporary Sign Request - Scouting For Food** - Approved
   - H. **MGCP Pathway Project Bid Approved with Amendments**
   - I. **Community Room Renaming** - Approved
   - J. **CWW Annual Dues** - Approved
   - K. **Tenneco EFT Rescission** - Approved
6. **Unfinished Business: None**
7. **Ordinances: None**
8. **Check Registry:**

A. **In the amount of $ 3,362,523.53 for the period of September 4, 2021 to October 1, 2021. - Approved**

9. **Board Communication & Reports:**
   - A. Mark Abbo, Roger Lundberg, Jason Rhines, Scott Frush, Mindy Herrmann, Cynthia Jankowski, Christopher Roosen and Todd Mutchler
10. **Any other business for the Board of Trustees:** None
11. **ADJOURN:** Meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

A draft of the meeting minutes will be available on October 29, 2021.

Respectfully submitted:
Mark Abbo, Supervisor
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Plymouth - Wayne

City limits outdoor dining to sidewalks

Diners seeking to enjoy the outdoor street seating at downtown Plymouth restaurants can enjoy the al fresco ambiance through the holiday season.

Members of the Plymouth City Commission approved a temporary extension of sidewalk patio season through Dec. 31, at their regular meeting Oct. 18. The temporary extension applies only to outdoor patios located on public sidewalk areas and does not include the extended patios located in on-street parking areas or areas on private property.

Businesses with on-street patios and extended patio areas on private property will be required to vacate their space on or before Nov. 1, according to the new ordinance approved by the commission members.

Commissioners also authorized up to $24,000 for the design phase and $8,000 for the initial construction phase for improvements to the bathrooms at the Plymouth Cultural Center. The architectural work is expected to be completed by NSA Architecture of Farmington Hills.

The work will be funded by a $250,000 grant from the State of Michigan to make improvements to the facility to meet ADA compliance.

For official agendas and minutes, visit www.plymouthmi.gov/agenda_center. The next city commission meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1.

Living memory

Members of the Wayne Police Department gathered outside the police station last week to plant a tree in memory of Police Service Aide Vanessa Oary who was killed in an auto accident earlier this year. Police officers said Ms. Oary was a valued member of the department and "we miss her." The tree was planted as a living tribute to her memory and included an engraved plaque dedicating the tree to her. Ms. Oary's family attended the evening event and helped plant the tree to honor her memory. Members of the Wayne DPW also attended the dedication.

Ballot

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Stacy A. Paige

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Shakeel Ahmed
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Harry Crout
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David Hotz
Celeste Roscoe
Tina M. Talley
William J. Wadsworth
Eva Webb
Virginia Williams
Allen Wilson

PROPOSAL SECTION
CITY PROPOSALS
Romulus City Charter
Proposed Amendment
Sections 2.7, 6.12, 6.13, And 11.10

Shall the City amend Section 2.7, 6.12, 6.13, and 11.10 of the City Charter to allow for the publication of legal notices and minutes of Council, Board, and Commission meetings in two electronic sites or in a newspaper of general circulation in the City and for the reappointment of the official publications by Council every odd year beginning calendar year 2023?

LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPOSALS
HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT
OPERATING MILLAGE
RENEWAL PROPOSAL

This proposal will allow the school district to continue to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mills on all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, required for the school district to receive its revenue per pupil foundation allowance and renews millage that will expire with the 2022 tax levy.
Shall the currently authorized millage rate limitation of 18.5980 mills ($18.5980 on each $1,000 of taxable valuation) on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property, except principal residence and other property exempted by law, in Huron School District, Wayne and Monroe Counties, Michigan, be renewed for a period of 10 years, 2023 to 2032, inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect if the millage is approved and 18 mills are levied in 2023 is approximately $2,375,000 (this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2022 tax levy)?

IN WESTLAND:

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William R. Wild

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Some clerk's offices have opened satellite offices for voter registration. You must show proof of where you live. Documents must have your name and current address. You can show a digital copy of any document. Acceptable documents include:

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- Current utility bill
- Bank statement
- Paycheck or government check
- Other government document

After registering, you can vote an absent voter ballot at the clerk's office or you can vote at your polling place on Election Day.

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- A Michigan resident (at the time you register) and a resident of your city or township for at least 30 days (when you vote)
- A United States citizen
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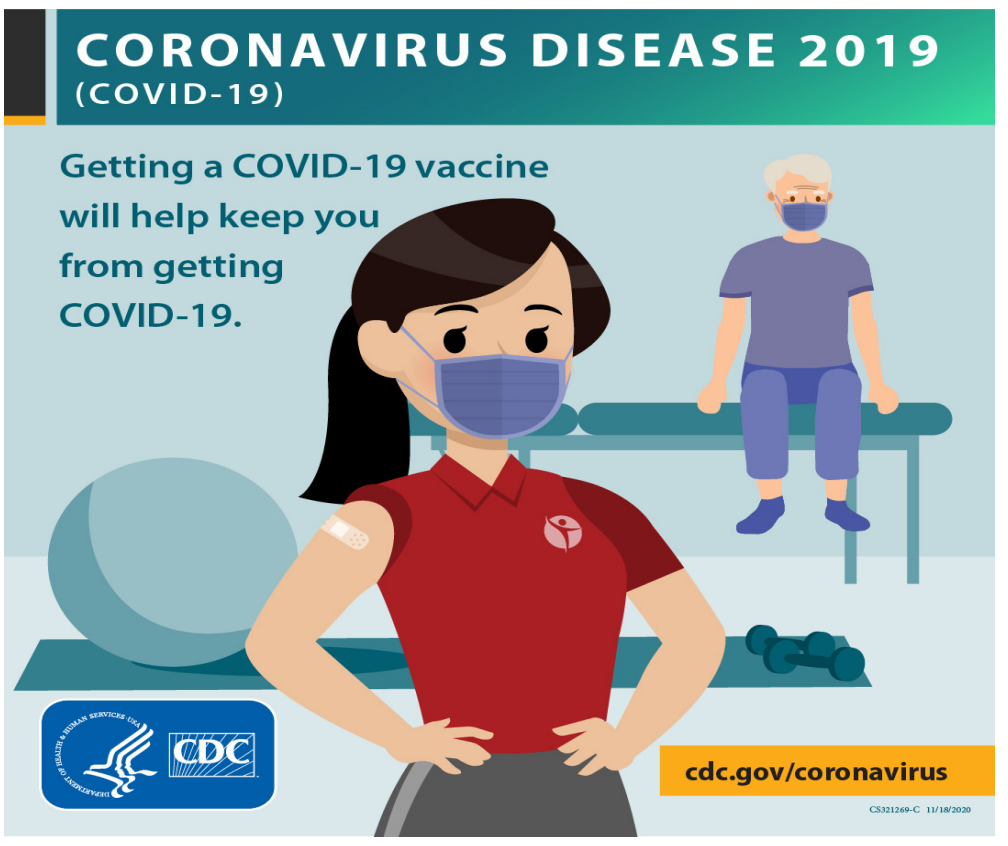
- Not currently serving a sentence in jail or prison



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